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GLASSES OR GLASS CERAMICS
Art Unit: 1731
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed on July 12, 2001.

We are enclosing copies of:

U.S. Patent Nos.: 2,908,739, 4,687,646, and 6,058,741

German Patent No.: DE 33 16546

It is applicants' belief that none of the above citations describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

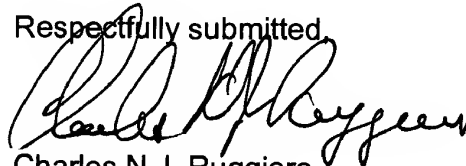
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It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the filing date or date of first Office Action, but before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, provided that this occurs prior to the final action and provided that this I.D.S. is accompanied by either a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2,908,739	10/13/59	T. Rummel	13	27	
	4,687,646	8/18/87	Mateika et al.	422	248	
	6,058,741	5/9/00	Sobolev et al.	65	335	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	DE 33 16546	4/26/84	Germany				X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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